short-term disruptions in supply of crude oil due to any emergency from a global event or in helping the supply position during/after a natural calamity.

AIR connectivity

†*339. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the major cities in the country have been linked with air services;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of the airports in the country for whose construction, political organizations and public representatives have requested during the last three years till date; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. At present scheduled air services are available to from 79 cities, the details of which are as under:

Agratala, Agatti, Agra, Ahmedabad, Aizwal, Allahabad, Amritsar, Aurangabad, Bagdogra, Bangalore, Belgaum, Bhavnagar, Bhopal, Bhubaneshwar, Bhuj, Calicut, Chandigarh, Chennai, Cochin, Coimbatore, Dehradun, Delhi, Dharamshala, Dibrugarh, Dimapur, Diu, Goa, Gorakhpur, Guwahati, Gwalior, Hubli, Hyderabad, Imphal, Indore, Jabalpur, Jaipur, Jammu, Jamnagar, Jamshedpur, Jodhpur, Jorhad, Kandla, Kanpur, Khajuraho, Kolhapur, Kolkata, Kullu, Leh, Lilabari, Lucknow, Madurai, Mangalore, Mumbai, Nagpur, Pathankot, Patna, Porbander, Port Blair, Pune, Raipur, Rajamundary, Rajkot, Ranchi, Shillong, Shimla, Silchar, Srinagar, Surat, Thoise, Triupati, Trichi, Trivandrum, Tuticorin, Udaipur, Vadodara, Varanasi, Vidyanagar, Vijayawada, Vizag.

(d) and (e) Details of representations received from various public representatives during the past three years and their status are at the Statement.

Statement

Details of representations received from various public representatives during last three years and their status

State	Name of Place	Name of Political organization/ Public representative	Status
1	2	3	4
Maharashtra	Nevali District (Thane)	Sh. Moti Lal Vora (MP)	Pre feasibility study conducted.
	Shirdi	Sh. Bala Saheb Vikhe Patil (MP)	Being developed by Govt. of Maharashtra
	Sindhudurg	Sh. R.R. Patil Dy Chief Minister of Maharashtra	Pre feasibility study conducted.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3	4
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	Sh. Vikram Bhai Madaam (MP)	Existing airport expected to meet the requirement for next 10-15 years.
Madhya Pradesh	Burhanpur	Sh. Jayant Patil (NCP)	There are no plans at present
Sikkim	Pekyong	Shri. O.T. Lepcha	In principle approval accorded by Government of India.
Assam	Kokrajhar	Sh. Sawsuma Khanggur Bwiswmuthiary	Pre feasibility study indicates construction not possible.
Rajasthan	Ajmer	Prof. Rasa Singh Rawat, MP (Lok Sabha) Dr. Prabha Thakur, MP (Rajya Sabha) Ashok Gehlot, Congress Party.	Due to land constraints, development of airport not feasible. However, State Govt. suggested development of airstrip at Kishangarh. MOU sent to State Govt. for approval.
	Badmer	Ashok Navlakha, MLA.	There are no plans at present.
Uttar Pradesh	Chitrakut	Shyama Charan Gupta, MP, Lok Sabha Rajnarayan Budholya, MP, LS	There are no plans at present.
Karnataka	Gulbarga Shimoga	H.D. Devegowda, Former PM of India H.D. Kumarswamy, CM, Karnataka	State Govt. is taking action for development on PPP route.
	Bijapur	T. John, Minister of State for Infrastructure Development and Civil Aviation.	State Govt. has plans to develop
	Hassan	H.D. Devegowda, former PM of India. H.D. Kumarswamy, CM, Karnataka	

1	2	3	4
Tamil Nadu	Kanyakumari	N. Suresh Rajan, Minister for Tourism & Registration	There are no plans at present.
Pondicherry	Karaikal	N. Rangasamy, CM of Pondicherry	The pre feasibility study indicates construction not possible.

Banking facility for Juhapura area of Ahmedabad city

*340. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that none of the banks is coming forward to open a branch in the Juhapura area of Ahmedabad city, where a large number of Muslims reside;

(b) whether it is also a fact that inspite of repeated requests by the local residents, that area is still without a branch of any bank;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there is any plan to help the residents of that area; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (e) No. The Bank of India has opened a branch on 10.03.2008 in the Juhapura area of Ahmedabad city area. Besides this, Dena Bank, the lead bank for the area, has reported that 3 branches of Dena Bank namely Vasna, Vejalpur and Sarkhej are already functioning within a radius of 3-4 Kms. of Juhapura, apart from 2 branches of the State Bank of India at Vasna and the APMC market nearby.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Employment opportunity of domestic pilots

2327. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that hundred of young Indian students who have spent lakhs of rupees to become pilot are now finding it hard to get a job;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some India carriers hire Indian commercial pilot licence holders but don't provide them further training to get type - rating to fly an A-320 or Boeing 737 as a weak dollar has made it cheaper to hire trained co-pilots from abroad; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to protect the interest of domestic pilots?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has not received